

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health and Hospitals Bureau of Health Services Financing

Coordinated Care Network
Physician Services
Reimbursement Methodology
(LAC 50:I.3307 and 3509)

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50:I.3307 and §3509 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted provisions which implemented a coordinated system of care in the Medicaid Program designed to improve quality of care and health care outcomes through a healthcare delivery system called coordinated care networks, also known as the BAYOU HEALTH Program (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 37, Number 6).

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires states to reimburse certain physician services at the rates that would be paid for the services (if they were covered) under Medicare. In compliance with PPACA and federal regulations, the department amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for physician services rendered by health plans in the coordinated care networks to increase the reimbursement rates.

This action is being taken to avoid federal sanctions and to secure enhanced federal funding. It is anticipated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$23,963,111 for state fiscal year 2012-2013.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for physician services rendered by health plans in the coordinated care networks.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part I. Administration

Subpart 3. Medicaid Coordinated Care

Chapter 33. Coordinated Care Network Shared Savings Model

§3307. Reimbursement Methodology

A. - F.3.l. ...

m. durable medical equipment and supplies;

n. orthotics and prosthetics; and

o. payments made to providers for purposes of complying with section 1932(f) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 438.6(c)(5)(vi).

F.4 – F.8. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 37:1581 (June 2011), amended LR 39:

Chapter 35. Coordinated Care Network Managed Care Organization Model

§3509. Reimbursement Methodology

A. – A.5. ...

6. A CCN-P shall be reimbursed payments in order to comply with Section 1932(f) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 439.6(c)(5)(vi) on a quarterly basis or other period specified by DHH.

a. For calendar years 2013 and 2014 the CCN-P shall make payments to designated physicians consistent with 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart G, at least equal to the amounts set forth and required under Part 447, Subpart G, and the provisions of this Chapter, consistent with 42 CFR 438.5 and 438.804 as approved by CMS and as specified in the terms and conditions of the contract between DHH and the CCN-P.

B. – J.2. ...

a. Repealed.

3. For calendar years 2013 and 2014, the CCN-P shall make payments to designated physicians consistent with 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart G, at least equal to the amounts set forth and required under Part 447, Subpart G, and the provisions of this Chapter, as specified in the terms and conditions of the contract between DHH and the CCN-P. The CCN-P shall also provide documentation to the state sufficient to enable the state and CMS to ensure that provider payments increase as required by paragraph 42 CFR 438.6(c)(5)(vi)(A) of this Section.

a. The term “member” shall include the patient, parent(s), guardian, spouse or any other legally responsible person of the member being served.

4. The CCN-P may enter into alternative payment arrangements with its network providers or potential providers with prior approval by the department.

a. The CCN-P shall not enter into alternative payment arrangements with federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics as the CCN-P is required to reimburse these providers according to the published FQHC/RHC Medicaid prospective payment schedule rate in effect on the date of service, whichever is applicable.

M. – N.2.a. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 37:1587 (June 2011), amended LR 39:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. She is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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